

Table 2 Perceptions of patients and relatives who signed the surgery consent form regarding the informed consent process

Statement/ characteristics of consent	Total (n = 400)		Self-signed (n = 233)		Relative signed ^a (n = 167)		P-value
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Who explained the information							
Doctor	271	67.8	168	72.1	103	61.7	0.01
Resident	129	32.3	65	27.9	64	38.3	
Where information was given							
Operating theatre	32	8.0	14	6.0	18	10.8	0.04
Ward	88	22.0	45	19.3	43	25.7	
Clinic	280	70.0	174	74.7	106	63.5	
Where consent was taken							
Operating theatre	59	14.8	28	12.0	31	18.6	> 0.05
Ward	307	76.8	183	78.5	124	74.3	
Clinic	34	8.5	22	9.4	12	7.2	
Informed consent influenced your decision to proceed with surgery							
Yes	135	33.8	72	31.9	63	37.7	< 0.01
No	265	66.3	161	69.1	104	62.3	
Influenced by anyone to proceed with surgery							
No	67	17.0	40	17.7	27	16.2	0.04
Yes, family/friends	74	32.9	51	22.6	23	13.8	
Yes, doctor	252	64.1	135	59.7	117	70.1	
Informed consent is important before any surgery							
Yes	225	57.3	146	63.8	79	48.2	< 0.01
No	168	42.7	83	36.2	85	51.8	
Know about medico-legal significance of informed consent							
Yes	326	82.3	193	84.3	133	79.6	< 0.01
No	70	17.7	36	15.7	34	20.4	
Amount of information preferred							
Detailed	329	83.1	198	86.5	131	78.4	0.02
Limited	67	16.9	31	13.5	36	21.6	
Amount of information preferred if going for same surgery							
Detailed	303	77.1	164	71.6	139	84.8	< 0.01
Limited	90	22.9	65	28.4	25	15.2	
Received educational materials about pre- & post-operative management							
Yes	78	19.6	49	21.3	29	17.4	> 0.05
No	319	80.4	181	78.7	138	82.6	
Materials were helpful (n = 81)							
Yes	62	76.5	39	79.6	23	71.9	< 0.01
No	19	23.5	10	20.4	9	28.1	
Satisfied with information provided							
Yes	367	91.8	227	97.4	140	83.8	< 0.001
No	33	8.3	6	2.6	27	16.2	

^aRelatives: parent, spouse, sibling, other relative.